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TO:	All Child Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: March 2002
ATTENTION:	Food Services Directors and Agency Directors	
SUBJECT:	Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs	

This Management Bulletin provides information on the new Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs published by the United States Department of Agriculture in November 2001. The FBG has been expanded and updated to include new food items; useful web pages; and information on food service, food preparation, food safety, and menu planning publications. *Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors please note: this FGB replaces the 1992 Simplified Food Buying Guide.*

The FBG is currently available online and can be downloaded for printing at:

<http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov>.

The document is 336 pages in length. Sponsors may find it useful to download the FGB to floppy disks or a compact disk (CD). These disks can be duplicated and/or used for printing additional copies of the FGB.

Every Child Nutrition Program sponsor will be mailed a free color copy of the FBG by late summer 2002. Additionally, in fall 2002, the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) will have color copies of the FBG available for sale. The sale price for the FBG has not yet been determined. The NFSMI can be reached at (800) 321-3054 or by e-mail at nfsmi@olemiss.edu. Their web site is www.nfsmi.org.

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